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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence
Deputy Director for Science & Technology
Deputy Director for Intelligence

FROM:

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Chief, Arms Control Intelligence Staff

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SUBJECT: Results of SACG Meeting, 19 February (U)

1. This "fast-track" memorandum is for your information (U)

2. I attended a Senior Arms Control Group (SACG) meeting on Tuesday as part of the Executive Branch's preparations for the new arms control negotiations in Geneva in mid-March. This meeting was the first one attended by Ambassadors Kampelman, Tower, and Glitman. The key policy points which I perceive came out of this discussion, and decisions shortly thereafter, were:

- The two IG Chairmen (Lt. Gen. Chain/State and Dr. Cooper/ACDA) will be asked to create, from work now done or underway, a paper for NSC and Presidential use on each of the three areas of negotiation: START, INF, and Space/Defense. Each paper is to be about 20 pages long and summarize both agreements and disagreements. The large notebook of specific papers will be used as background. The Space/Defense IG, for example, has 17 papers underway; the sets of papers for the other two IGs are smaller, for a total of about 30-35 papers.
- The military sufficiency work by JCS, required by NSDD 160, likely will lead to major soul searching in at least DoD. US intelligence is providing information on Soviet forces for JCS' work. The key issues again will be (as in 1982): will 5,000 strategic warheads do the job for the US? How about a lower number, given OSD's desire to go for a lower number? In any case, I gather the issue is not simply one of executing the SIOP and, for example, providing target coverage; rather, I think the question of adequacy of US deterrence will also be involved.
- I recounted the work underway on verification (see the attached talking points), also required by NSDDs 160 and 161. I showed this text to Director Adelman before the meeting began, and he concurred in

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it. During the discussion on verification, Bud McFarlane said that he wanted the SACG to start thinking about verification. He said that the President had given some thought to the question of mobility of strategic weapons and the declining prospects on knowing how many of such weapons there are and where they are. Bud said that both the President and the SACG are going to have to start considering, essentially in the context of SDI, how much risk the US can tolerate as a result of low monitoring confidences. Moreover, what impact will this situation have on SDI? (S/NF)

3. Looking to the near-term future, Bud passed out the attached calendar of meetings for both the SACG and the NSC. The NSC meeting on 7 March may go away. (C/NF)

4. In addition, there was some discussion of how the Executive Branch (and particularly the delegation for Geneva) will handle the House and Senate Arms Control Observer Groups. It appears that some 30 elected officials and associated staff are readying a trip to Geneva for the weekend of 9-10 March. Ambassador Kampelman was requested to send a letter containing recommendations to the President by Thursday (21 February).

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5. And finally, Mr. McFarlane directed that major policy papers sent to the SACG (essentially those containing US policy options for negotiations) be compartmented along the lines of the [] material we used in December 1984. I think a new compartment will be created. In any case, I believe it important to brief D/NSA and D/DIA again and will so at my level unless you object. (S/NF)

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6. If there is anything more I can do to assist you here, please call and let me know. (U)



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Attachments:
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SACG Talking Points Regarding Verification Work

- Work is underway on the NSDD 160/161 verification issues, both by individual agencies and jointly, but our work has been delayed because our effort to complete the compliance report to the Congress.
- This work consists of two problems:
 - o The near-term problem is injecting some type of verification contribution into the ongoing policy papers intended to lead to Geneva.
 - o The long-term problem is what to do about the Executive Branch's structure and processes on verification.
- We will meet the 15 March due date; at the minimum, the DCI and ACDA Director will send their views to Mr. McFarlane.
- My personal view now is that there still are the most fundamental differences about verification at the Assistant Secretary level. These differences may be resolvable at the Assistant Secretary or higher levels, short of the NSC, by 15 March.
- Such verification and related work as the Executive Branch has in hand is being put into the various policy papers; the differences in view will be laid out there.
- As part of this effort, US intelligence is reconsidering how we do our monitoring work; several people here have been interviewed already and more will be shortly.

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ON-FILE NSC RELEASE INSTRUCTIONS APPLY February 19, 1985

GENEVA PREPARATIONSSchedule of MeetingsSACG -- Tuesday, February 19, 4:30-5:30

Purposes: 1. Familiarize new participants with SACG
 2. Get update on work program status
 3. Discuss work plan for next two weeks
 4. Discuss Congressional observers/advisors

SACG -- Friday, February 22, 3:30-4:30

Purposes: 1. Review START/INF options
 2. Discuss length of first round
 3. Discuss Allied consultations

SACG -- Monday, February 25, 3:30-4:30

Purposes: 1. Review Defense/Space options
 2. Discuss offense/defense relationship
 3. Discuss NSC meeting agenda/goals

* NSC -- Friday, March 1 (Time to be Determined)

Purpose: Initial discussion of USG options

SACG -- Friday, March 1, 3:30-4:30

Purposes: 1. Review results of NSC meeting
 2. Finalize Allied consultations plans
 3. Plan for Congressional consultation

SACG -- Tuesday, March 5, 3:30-4:30

Purposes: 1. Final discussion of USG options
 2. Discuss Interim Restraint policy guidance for Geneva
 3. Discuss Congressional reports on SDI, including ABM Treaty compliance issue

* NSC -- Thursday, March 7 (if required) -- Time to be Determined

Purpose: Final discussion of USG options/decisions

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Purpose: Resolve, clarify any final issues

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